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45/209. Development of the energy resources of developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 45/199 of 21 December 1990,

Recalling also its resolutions 40/208 of 17 December 1985 and 43/193 of 20 December 1988 on the development of the energy resources of developing countries,

Reaffirming the importance of the development of the energy resources of developing countries and the need for urgent measures by the international community to assist and support the efforts of the developing countries, in particular the energy-deficient among them, to develop their energy resources, in order to meet their needs through co-operation, assistance and investment in the field of conventional and of new and renewable sources of energy, consistent with their national plans and priorities,

Reaffirming also that the developing countries have the primary responsibility for their strategies and policies for the exploration and development of their energy resources, including the mobilization of financial resources, internal and external, in order to develop their national technical skills and capabilities in the energy sector,

1. Reaffirms its resolutions 40/208 and 43/193 and calls for the effective implementation of all their provisions;

2. Welcomes the report of the Secretary-General on energy exploration and development trends in developing countries 1/ and the outline of a programme of action for the acceleration of energy exploration and development in developing countries, contained therein;

3. Reaffirms that an adequate flow of external resources in support of the national efforts of energy-deficient developing countries is needed to finance their exploration and development of indigenous energy resources;

4. Welcomes the convening of symposia and other similar undertakings called for in resolution 40/208, and calls upon interested Member States, in co-operation with the appropriate organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to continue to explore ways and means to support the efforts of developing countries in the exploration and development of their energy resources;

5. Stresses the need for comprehensive national, bilateral and multilateral measures, particularly with regard to financing, investment and technology, as well as training of national technical personnel, to accelerate the exploration and development of energy resources in developing countries, including new and renewable sources of energy;

6. Also stresses the need to take into consideration environmental and developmental concerns as they apply to all countries in accordance with their respective capabilities and their responsibilities for global environmental degradation;

7. Further stresses the importance of integrated energy strategies and the need for comprehensive conservation and efficient management of energy resources in developed and developing countries, bearing in mind trends in the energy markets;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1992.

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1/ A/45/274-E/1990/73 and Corr.1.